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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Aging Hearing on Civil
Service Retirement

1. On 15 September 1983 [] and I visited with STAT
Mr. Allen Johnston, Staff Director of the Subcommittee on
Retirement Income and Employment, House Select Committee on
Aging. Our visit was prompted by notification that the
subcommittee will hold a hearing on 27 October 1983 on the
subject of civil service retirement.

2. While several congressional committees are active in the
civil service/social security retirement area, I was frankly
surprised at the House Select Committee on Aging's interest in
the subject. It turns out that their perspective and concerns of
the civil service retirement issue may be very relevant. As Mr.
Johnston explained, the Committee is principally concerned about
ensuring the lasting financial integrity of the civil service
retirement fund after the social security fund assumes a
predominant position with federal employees. A second principal
concern is for the welfare of current Civil Service Retirement
and Disability System (CSRDS) participants who have ten to
fifteen years to go before they can retire. These two concerns
obviously are tightly linked.

3. Subcommittee hearing(s) will be held in order to address
these two issues. The Subcommittee staff will not have an agenda
and/or witness list available until mid-October 1983, in part
because they want the benefit of reviewing the record that will

result from the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee hearing on this general subject on 20 September 1983. Allen Johnston appeared friendly and willing to provide whatever information he had upon our return visit.

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